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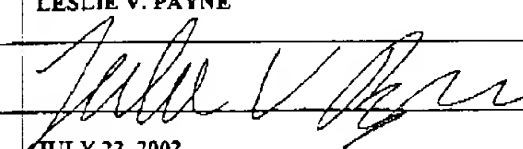
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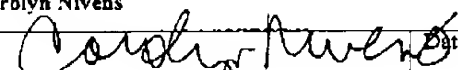
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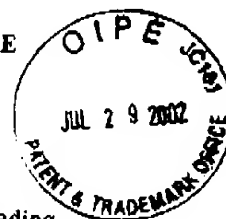
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Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated June 21, 2002, in which the Examiner required an election of invention.

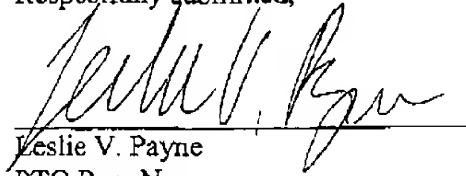
**AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 50-85, as drawn to a non-elected invention.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2002, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-49. The balance of the claims have been canceled. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, he is requested to telephone the undersigned. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C., Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

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